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COUNCIL OF MAYORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 24, 2011 CMAP Offices

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1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Jeffery Schielke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., Members and attendees introduced themselves (listed below) and a quorum was determined to be present.

Executive Committee and Elected Officials

Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Chairman Batavia, Kane

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Transportation Operators and Planning Officials

Allison Bos Liaison, Southwest Council of Mayors
Bruce Christensen Liaison, Lake Council of Mayors
Chalen Daigle Liaison, McHenry Council of Mayors
John Donovan Federal Highway Administration

Tam Kutzmark Transportation Director, DuPage Mayors

and Managers Conference

Andrew Plummer Regional Transportation Authority

Patrick Higgins Village of Western Springs
Chad Riddle IDOT, Local Roads, District One

Dave Seglin Chicago Dept. of Transp.
Keith Sherman IDOT, OP&P, Central Office

Chris Staron Liaison, North Shore Council of Mayors
Mike Sullivan Liaison, Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors
Mike Walczak Liaison, Northwest Council of Mayors

Tammy Wierciak Liaison, Central of Mayors

CMAP Staff

Hala Ahmed Local Planning
Patricia Berry Programming
Ylda Capriccioso External Relations
Teri Dixon Programming
Kama Dobbs Programming

Don Kopec Deputy Director for Planning & Programming

Holly Ostdick Programming
Russell Pietrowiak Programming
Pete Saunders Local Planning
Joy Schaad Programming
Drew Williams-Clark Local Planning

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2011

The minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 Implementation of GO TO 2040

4.1 Local Technical Assistance Program

Mr. Saunders gave a presentation on the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program whereby technical assistance is provided to local governments, counties and nonprofits interested in addressing local planning issues. LTA is a part of the implementation of GO TO 2040 and is funded by a 3-year, \$4.25 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Saunders explained that the free assistance is intended to help local governments update their land use regulatory items such as comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances and subdivision codes, as well as corridor/subarea plans, housing studies, feasibility studies, open space/recreation studies, and other matters that examine local land use. Mr. Saunders reported that CMAP had received more than 220 project requests in January and after staff evaluation, 64 higher priority projects were identified to be the focus of

the first year efforts of the project. Special emphasis was given to projects that were deemed unlikely to move forward without CMAP's involvement. The CMAP Board took action in March, and work began on them immediately. To date, CMAP staff has initiated about 18 projects distributed throughout the region, and anticipates getting another 18-20 projects started before the end of the year. Another call for projects is anticipated in the fall of 2011.

4.2 Community Planning Program

Ms. Ahmed of CMAP provided an update on the Community Planning Program, a partnership between CMAP and the Regional Transportation Authority which is designed to expand and add value to the RTA's Community Planning Program by increasing the eligibility to include comprehensive planning and allow municipalities in Kendall County to participate in the program. CMAP's participation in the program is an initial implementation step of GO TO 2040. To reduce the burden on applicants, CMAP and RTA are using the same application materials and project solicitation timeframe. The application deadline for the program is June 9. Materials and further information will be available at http://rtachicago.com/community-planning/community-planning.html. CMAP Board approval of project recommendations will be sought in August.

4.3 Transportation Programming

Ms. Ostdick of CMAP reported that as the region is in the implementation phase of GO TO 2040, all implementers are asked to assure that the programming of transportation funds is focused on attaining the region's agreed upon vision. The CMAQ program will be developed using the GO TO 2040 focused programming approach adopted in January. The new approach uses four program focus groups: the Bike/Ped Task Force, the Regional Transportation Operations Coalition, an ad hoc group for transit, & an ad hoc group for direct emission reduction. Ms. Ostdick described the approach each focus group is taking to meet the objectives of localized congestion relief, operational improvements, mode shift and direct emissions reduction. The focus group recommendations will be considered at the CMAO Project Selection Committee's July 7 meeting. She noted that the focus groups were asked to develop packages of projects that will move the region in the direction of attaining the vision of GO TO 2040 and not to recommend projects strictly on air quality benefits. The CMAQ committee will use that information along with the traditional air quality cost/benefit analysis to develop a proposed program that improves air quality and explicitly helps implement GO TO 2040. Ms. Ostdick reported that CMAP staff will be working with the planning liaisons to review the STP methodologies to identify how they implement the goals and action areas of GO TO 2040.

5.0 Transportation Programming Updates/Action Items

5.1 STP Status Report/Active Program Management

Mr. Riddle of IDOT's Bureau of Local Roads drew the Committee's attention to his handout projecting the number of and cost of projects for each of the March through August lettings. He cautioned that while it looks like over \$12 million in STP funds will be on the August letting some of those projects need right of way so they may not make their target. Mr. Pietrowiak drew the Committee's attention to the latest STP expenditure report and provided highlights.

5.2 2010 Census (Holly Ostdick)

Ms. Ostdick reported that the 2010 census data is available and will now be used in IDOT's statewide STP fund distribution and in CMAP's STP programming marks

calculations beginning federal fiscal year 2012 (October 1, 2011). She said as has occurred after previous census data release, communities with population within multiple counties will be made aware of the opportunity to change which council/s they intend to program STP funds through. If no response is received by a deadline from the municipalities, it will be assumed the municipality will remain within the same council. For any changes to occur, both councils must concur. The Committee voted their concurrence with the approach as outlined.

5.3 City of Chicago Regional Projects

Mr. Seglin of the Chicago Department of Transportation reported that as of 2008 when the City and the Council of Mayors met to determine STP fund distribution, they agreed that Chicago would be allotted 5% of the regional STP allocation for projects that benefit both city and suburban areas. He described two upcoming projects that will utilize these funds: the Madison Street viaduct replacement near Ogilvie commuter station in FFY 2010/11 and the Wells Street bridge over the Chicago River in FFY 2012. The Committee voted to concur with the use of the regional STP funds for the projects described.

5.4 Advance Funding Policies

Mr. Christensen of the Lake County Council of Mayors said that the Planning Liaisons agree there should be written policies that govern the use of STP Advanced funding and that there is a lack of comfort in the large amounts that are being borrowed in some cases. He said that the Planning Liaisons would bring suggestions to the August Executive Committee meeting.

5.5 Advanced Funding Request

Ms. Wierciak described the advanced funding request from the Central Council: the Hillgrove Ave resurfacing project for \$371,560 and Chalen Daigle described the advanced funding request from the McHenry Council: Burlington Rd resurfacing project for \$141,000. There were no questions. The Committee unanimously approved the advanced funding for the two councils.

5.6 CMAO Program Management

Ms. Ostdick reported that the CMAQ program has over \$200 million in unobligated funds which has led the program to be a potential target for both lapsing and rescission of funds. She said that while rescissions can happen at any time with very little warning, currently there is a potential lapse of \$140 million worth of funds in 2013 if projects do not get awarded in a timely manner. Ms. Ostdick described several program management strategies that have been adopted by the MPO Policy Committee to encourage timely obligations of projects: the CMAQ A list, the CMAQ MYB List and an annual requirement for May and October status updates. The A list means that sponsors' project are not brought into the region's Transportation Improvement Program until the project is ready to be obligated or go to letting. The B list allows for sponsors to request the CMAQ Project Selection Committee to bring their projects into the program if they have made progress. She also explained that additional exploratory work is being undertaken by the CMAQ Project Selection Committee, given the lack of progress by many sponsors in implementing their programmed projects. The exploratory work includes identifying very large projects that are nearly ready for implementation and consideration of setting an annual CMAQ obligation goal and, in years when it is not anticipated to be met, choosing large project(s) to use CMAQ funds. Another possibility is waiting till a lapse is imminent and then choosing one or more of these very large projects to use the CMAQ funds before

they are lost to the region. Committee members discussed what could be done to avert the potential loss of the funds. While the planning liaisons are familiar with the status of projects in their councils, the Council of Mayors Executive Committee asked that CMAP staff provide them with a list of all the unobligated CMAQ projects so they can work with the municipalities in their council to improve the expenditure rate of CMAQ funds.

6.0 MetroPulse

Mr. Williams-Clark of CMAP gave an overview and demonstration of MetroPulse (www.metropulsechicago.org). MetroPulse is the website deliverable of the Regional Indicators Project, a collaboration between CMAP and the Chicago Community Trust. The collaboration began three years ago with the identification of some 200 indicators to track progress toward the successful implementation of GO TO 2040. Since then CMAP staff has acquired nearly 20,000 tables and developed tools that allow the public to visualize all of that data as charts and maps online. Staff are looking for municipal staff members interested in data visualization to help prioritize functionality and data for a forthcoming municipal data portals pilot project. Interested parties can email Drew at awilliamsclark@cmap.illinois.gov.

7.0 Reauthorization

Mr. Kopec provided an update on progress toward reauthorization of the federal transportation bill. While the current bill, SAFETEA-LU, expired in September 2009, we have been operating under a series of extensions which will carry us through September 30, 2011. Mr. Kopec provided some history of the public dialog since SAFETEA-LU's expiration and outlined four main possibilities for action by September:

- Chairman Mica of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is expected to release a six-year bill, in the range of \$210 billion, a level consistent with what the highway trust fund currently generates, but 30% less than we have been operating at;
- The Administration's proposal calls for a six-year reauthorization bill at a level of \$556 billion, including \$336 billion for highways, \$119 billion for transit, \$53 billion for high-speed rail, and \$50 billion for an infrastructure jump start, but there is no source identified for the increased revenues to support such;
- Funding could continue via more extensions of SAFETEA-LU, but with the changes in the House rules, it would likely be at the level of Highway Trust Fund receipts;
- A shorter length bill, two or three years, that would be funded at the lower level but still have the desired policy and program changes, with the potential to pass a bill for the out years at higher funding levels if the economy is healthier when that is considered.

Mr. Kopec's full report can be seen on the **CMAP** website.

8.0 CMAP's 2011 State Agenda

Ms. Capriccioso of CMAP presented an update on the status of several legislative bills to the Committee. She reported that much of the recent activity in Springfield has been focused on redistricting and budget issues. The press is reporting that budget reductions, specifically revenues to local government, are being discussed as an option as well as changes to state employees' pension. June 1 is the deadline for passing the state budget without a supermajority. Both the House and Senate passed their versions of the state budget on Friday, May 13 and funding for MPO's was in both versions of the bill.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

10.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council of Mayors Executive Committee was set for August 23, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

12.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.